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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

[0022] A piston rod and a piston are installed with freedom of axial movement in a cylinder filled with a working medium, the piston dividing the working space into a space on the piston-rod side of the piston and a space on the side of the piston facing away from the piston rod. A stop disk is mounted on the piston rod in addition to the piston rests against retaining means provided on the cylinder to limit the outward movement of the piston rod during a fire.